CHARTER

OF

TRINITY COLLEGE,

TORONTO.

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Victoria, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith. To all to whom these Presents shall come,

Greeting:

Whereas by an Act passed by the Legislature of our Province of Canada, in the fifteenth year of our Reign, intituled, "An Act to incorporate Trinity College," there was constituted and established in the City of Toronto, within the Diocese of Toronto, in our said Province of Canada, a body corporate and politic under the name of Trinity College, in connexion with the United Church of England and Ireland; which Corporation is by the said Act made to consist of the Lord Bishop of Toronto, or in case of the division of the said Diocese, of the Bishops of the several Dioceses into which the Diocese of Toronto might be thereafter divided, and also of the Trustees of the said College, and of the members of the Council of the said College, not to be less than three in number, which said Trustees and the members of the said College Council, it was by the said Act provided should be named in the first instance by the Lord Bishop of Toronto, and in the event of their death, removal from the Province, dismissal from office, or resignation, shall be replaced by other persons to be named in like manner, or in such other

manner as may from time to time be directed by any Statute of the said College, to be passed for that purpose.

And whereas it is by the said Act further provided that the said Corporation of Trinity College shall, besides other corporate powers and capacities necessary to the well ordering of their affairs, have full power to make and establish such rules, orders, and regulations (not being contrary to the Laws of Canada, or to the said Act) as they shall deem useful or necessary, as well concerning the system of Education in, as for the conduct and government of the said College, and of a Preparatory School to be connected with, or dependant on the same; and for the management of the property belonging to the said Corporation, and shall have power to hold for the said College real and personal Estate and Property, and to sell, alienate, convey or lease the same, if need be; provided that the total yearly income from the property so acquired shall not at any time exceed the sum of five thousand pounds of current money of our said Province.

And provided also, that no rule, order or regulation which shall be made and established by the said Corporation in manner aforesaid, shall be of any force or effect until the same shall have been sanctioned and confirmed by the said Lord Bishop or Bishops as aforesaid.

And whereas, since the passing of the said Act, the Council of the said College have, with the sanction of the Lord Bishop of Toronto, by their Petition to us humbly set forth, that in pursuance of the provisions of the said Act, Trinity College hath been duly organized, by the appointment of Trustees and of a College Council, and that certain Statutes, Rules, and Ordinances have been made by the said Council, with the approval of the Lord Bishop of Toronto, and further that a suitable Building has been erected, and a Provost, and Professors in the faculties of

Divinity and the Arts, and in Law and Medicine, have been duly appointed, and are now engaged in the education of a considerable number of Scholars, duly admitted according to the Statutes and Ordinances of the said Corporation, and the said College being, according to the intention of the said Act of the Legislature of our Province of Canada, in strict connexion with the United Church of England and Ireland, and supported wholly from funds contributed by the members of that Church, and humble application hath been made to us by the said Corporation, and many of our loving subjects in the said Province of Canada, that we would be pleased to grant our Royal Charter for the more perfect establishment of the said College, by granting to it the privileges hereinafter mentioned.

Now know ye that We, having taken the premises into our Royal consideration, and being willing to promote the more perfect establishment within the Diocese of Toronto of a College in connection with the United Church of England and Ireland, for the education of youth in the Doctrines and duties of the Christian Religion as inculcated by that Church, and for their instruction in the various branches of Science and Literature which are taught in the Universities of this Kingdom, have of our special grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, willed, ordained and granted, and do by these presents, for us, our heirs, and successors, will, ordain and grant, that the said College shall be deemed, and taken to be a University, and shall have and enjoy all such and the like privileges as are enjoyed by our Universities of our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, as far as the same are capable of being had or enjoyed by virtue of these our Letters Patent; and that the Students in the said College shall have liberty and faculty of taking the degrees of Bachelor, Master, and Doctor in the several Arts, and Faculties, at the appointed times, and shall have liberty within themselves of performing all Scholastic exercises, for the conferring such Degrees, in

such manner as shall be directed by the Statutes, Rules and Ordinances of the said College.

And, in order that such Degrees may be in due form granted in the said College, We do further will, and direct, and ordain, that there shall be at all times a Chancellor of the said University, to be chosen at and for such periods of time, and under such rules and regulations as the College Council, by and with the sanction and approbation of the Lord Bishop or Bishops aforesaid, may by their Statutes, Rules, or Ordinances, to be from time to time passed for that purpose, think fit to appoint.

And that the Chancellor, Provost and Professors of the said College, and all persons admitted therein to the degree of Master of Arts, or to any degree in Divinity, Law or Medicine, and who from the time of such their admission to such degree shall pay the annual sum of Twenty Shillings of sterling money for and towards the support and maintenance of the said College, shall be, and be deemed, taken and reputed to be members of the Convocation of the said University, and as such members of the said Convocation, shall have, exercise and enjoy all such powers and privileges in regard to conferring degrees, and in any other matters, as may be provided for by any rules, orders or regulations of the said College Council, sanctioned and confirmed by the Lord Bishop or Bishops as aforesaid, so far as the same are capable of being had and enjoyed by virtue of these our Letters Patent, and consistently with the provisions thereof, and with the said Act of the Legislature of our Province of Canada.

And We will, and by these Presents for us, our heirs and Successors, do grant and declare, that these our Letters Patent, or the enrollment or exemplification thereof, shall and may be good, firm, valid, sufficient, and effectual in the Law, according to the true intent and meaning of the

same, and shall be taken, construed, and adjudged in the most favorable and beneficial sense, and to the best advantage of our said College, as well in our Courts of Record as elsewhere, and by all and singular Judges, Justices, Officers, Ministers, and other subjects whatsoever of us, our heirs and successors, any mis-recital, non-recital, omission, imperfection, defect, matter, cause or thing whatsoever to the contrary notwithstanding.

In Witness whereof, we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent.

Witness Ourself, at our Palace at Westminster, the Sixteenth day of July, in the sixteenth year of our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command.

EDMUNDS.

L.S.